

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
APRIL 13, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Scott, Sutphen, Block, Ashworth, Williams (7:19 p.m.), Furlong
Staff: Jones, Silsby

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott at 7:02 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 9, 2011

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 9, 2011

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Ashworth, so voted unanimously

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Town-wide Drainage Permit

Greg Hanover reviewed the history of the town-wide permit. It covers minor work for routine maintenance under certain circumstances. He noted that the Town will use “best management practices”.

Staff explained that this is a new permit because the last permit had expired. She noted that the application and the required procedures are exactly the same as the previously approved one.

MOTION to classify as minor

Motion by Block, seconded by Sutphen, so voted unanimously

V. PENDING APPLICATIONS

1. River Road Bridge Reconstruction

Town Engineer Greg Hanover and Jeff Koerner of Purcell Associates were present for this application. This project consists of the reconstruction of the portion of River Road which was washed out during the flood event of March, 2010. Construction limits include approximately 300' length of roadway. Also included in the project is the relining of a pipe culvert, the reconstruction of stone retaining walls, and the removal of debris from Haley Brook.

Koerner explained that the existing retaining wall was knocked down and washed out into wetlands down stream. He reviewed the delineation of State and Federal wetlands on the map. A small portion of a masonry retaining wall adjacent to the house will be repaired. Details were given about why the corrugated metal pipes need to be reinforced. Discussion followed about the type of equipment that will be used on site and what may happen if the road washes out again in the future.

Furlong expressed concern that it has taken a full year to repair this area. She questioned the need to install rip rap. Discussion ensued as to why it has taken a full year to repair this area.

The approximate cost of this project will be \$150,000. The main purpose of this project is to stabilize the road and the site. Information was given about the borings.

Williams arrived at 7:19 pm.

The Agency expressed concern about digging the area up with machinery. Koerner stated that no materials will be stored on site. Details were given about the bidding process and contracts. The Town hopes to begin the project in July or August 2011.

MOTION: To approve the River Road Bridge Reconstruction application for the following reasons:

1. The applicant will implement an erosion control plan that will protect the watercourse during construction.
2. The project will result in the removal of debris from the watercourse.
3. There are no future regulated activities made inevitable by this project.

This permit is subject to the four standard conditions.

Motion made by Block, seconded by Williams, so voted unanimously

2. LBI Commercial Park, 973, 979, 993 North Road

Staff stated that the revised plans are under review.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair

Ashworth inquired about a driveway off of Flanders Road where there is now a back hoe. Staff gave details and stated that an erosion control plan has been submitted.

Furlong asked if Walmart has received its permits yet. Staff stated that they do not have the permits yet and that this application is currently before the Planning Commission.

A letter that was included in tonight's meeting packet was brought up relative to Colonel Ledyard Estates. Staff stated that the permit has expired and a new permit will be required before work can begin.

Block inquired about the status of the Crandall property on Lambtown Road. Staff reported that Mr. Crandall is slowly removing fill to allow the wetland boundaries to be flagged. The next court date is scheduled for April 25, 2011 when Mr. Crandall's progress will be reported to the judge. Furlong believes that Crandall is trying to sell this property and asked whether the requirements of the enforcement action will be passed on to a future buyer. Staff noted that they will and that potential buyers should

review the files. Furlong asked about the cease and desist order relative to the roadside stand. Staff does not believe that Crandall is doing anymore processing.

2. Report of Staff

Staff distributed marketing materials for Soil Scientist Richard Snarsky who is advertising his business.

Staff noted that COG is holding an LID Conference on Wednesday May 4, 2011 and Agency members are all invited.

Staff stated that the next agenda will include Phase II of the Wetlands Regulations.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Barbara Block, Secretary
Inland Wetland Agency

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